

PROTECTING YOUR NEWBORN

Checklist for buying a used child safety seat

1. Does the seat have a label showing it was manufactured after January 1, 1981?
☐ YES: Continue
☐ NO: DISCARD the seat!
2. Does the seat have label showing that it meets all federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards?
☐ YES: Continue
☐ NO: DISCARD the seat!
3. Has the seat been recalled for safety defect? (To find out, call the Auto Safety Hotline* and give them the model number and date of manufacture of the seat.)
☐ NO: Continue
☐ YES: Have the defects been corrected?
☐ YES: Continue
☐ NO: DISCARD the seat!
4. Has the seat been involved in a car crash?
☐ YES: DISCARD the seat!
☐ NO: Continue
5. Are there any cracks, bends, or breaks in the plastic shell or metal frame?
☐ YES: DISCARD the seat!
☐ NO: Continue
6. Do you have a copy of the manufacturer's instructions?
☐ YES: Continue
☐ NO : —Call Auto Safety Hotline* for telephone number of manufacturer to request instructions
7. Does the seat have all its parts: harness straps, retainer clips, padding, shield, tether straps and bolts?
☐ YES: Continue
☐ NO : DISCARD —or obtain replacement from the manufacturer
8. Are the harness straps worn or frayed?
☐ YES: DISCARD —or obtain replacement from the manufacturer
☐ NO : Continue
9. Does the buckle area show signs of rust?
☐ YES: DISCARD —or obtain replacement from the manufacturer
☐ NO : Continue
10. Does the buckle mechanism latch remain latched and unlatch smoothly?
☐ YES: Use the seat!
☐ NO : DISCARD —or obtain replacement from the manufacturer